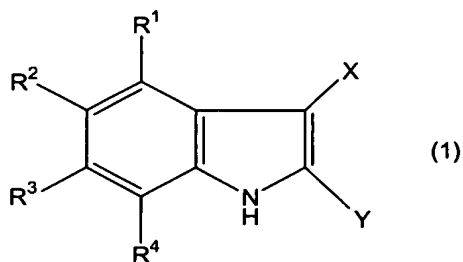


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An indole ~~derivative~~ compound represented by the following ~~general~~ formula (1):



wherein ~~at least~~ one of  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^4$  represents an alkoxy group ~~containing~~ of 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and other groups of the  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^4$  represent ~~hydrogen, hydrogen or an alkyl group containing of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, acetyl group, or hydroxyl group;~~ hydrogen, hydrogen or an alkyl group containing of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, acetyl group, or hydroxyl group; and either one of X and Y represents  $-(CH_2)_nOH$  wherein n is an integer of ~~[[0]]~~ 10 to 30, and the other one of the X and Y represents hydrogen atom; or a salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The indole ~~derivative~~ compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein one of  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^4$  is an alkoxy group ~~containing~~ of 1 to 10 carbon atoms; and other groups of the  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^4$  are hydrogen; and n is 10 to 20.

Claims 3-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising the indole ~~derivative~~ compound or its salt of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn-Currently Amended): A method for treating brain dysfunction or neuropathy ~~wherein~~ comprising administering the indole derivative compound or its salt of claim 1 ~~is administered to a patient in need thereof.~~

Claim 8 (Withdrawn-Currently Amended): ~~[[The]]~~ A process for producing a drug using the indole derivative of claim 1 the pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, comprising combining said indole compound and said pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 9 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein  $R^1$  represents an alkoxy group;  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^4$  represent hydrogen; and X represents  $-(CH_2)_nOH$ .

Claim 10 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein  $R^2$  represents an alkoxy group;  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^4$  represent hydrogen; and X represents  $-(CH_2)_nOH$ .

Claim 11 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein  $R^3$ , represents an alkoxy group;  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ , and  $R^4$  represent hydrogen; and X represents  $-(CH_2)_nOH$ .

Claim 12 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein  $R^4$  represents an alkoxy group;  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ , and  $R^3$  represent hydrogen; and X represents  $-(CH_2)_nOH$ .

Claim 13 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein  $R^1$  represents an alkoxy group;  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^4$  represent hydrogen; and Y represents  $-(CH_2)_nOH$ .

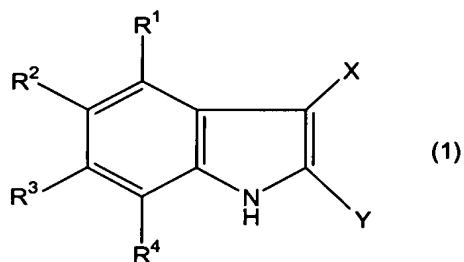
Claim 14 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein  $R^2$  represents an alkoxy group;  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^4$  represent hydrogen; and Y represents  $-(CH_2)_nOH$ .

Claim 15 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein  $R^3$ , represents an alkoxy group;  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ , and  $R^4$  represent hydrogen; and Y represents  $-(CH_2)_nOH$ .

Claim 16 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein  $R^4$  represents an alkoxy group;  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ , and  $R^3$  represent hydrogen; and Y represents  $-(CH_2)_nOH$ .

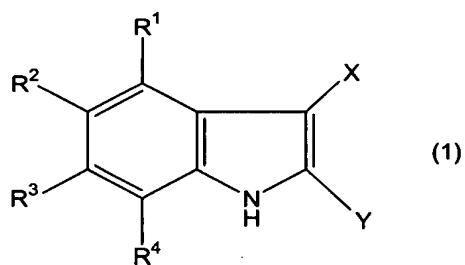
Claim 17 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein n is at least 14.

Claim 18 (New): An indole compound represented by the following formula (1):



wherein at least one of  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^4$  represents an alkoxy group of 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and other groups of the  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^4$  represent hydrogen, an alkyl group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, acetyl group, or hydroxyl group; and either one of X and Y represents  $-(CH_2)_nOH$  wherein n is an integer of 10 to 30, and the other one of the X and Y represents hydrogen atom; or a salt thereof.

Claim 19 (New): An indole compound represented by the following formula (1):



wherein at least one of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> represents an alkoxy group of 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and other groups of the R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> represent hydrogen or an alkyl group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms; and either one of X and Y represents  $-(CH_2)_nOH$  wherein n is an integer of 10 to 30, and the other one of the X and Y represents hydrogen atom; or a salt thereof.